

REMARKS

Applicants amended claims 1 and 16 to make clear the claim language based on the Examiner interview on October 29, 2003.

Moreover, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination, if additional examination is deemed necessary.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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